

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4407

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DECLINE IN MIGRATORY BIRDS

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a sharp decline in the number of migratory birds has been noticed in the country particularly Sariska Sanctuary and Chilka causing concern to environmentalists and ornithologists ;
- (b) if so, the reasons for such decline;
- (c) whether any survey/study has been made in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and
- (e) the remedial measures taken or likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

- (a),(b),(c)&(d) Decline in number of migratory birds has been observed in Sariska Sanctuary. This is attributed to the paucity of water in the water bodies due to poor monsoon last year. There has been 41% decline in the number of migratory birds in the Nalabana area of Chilka sanctuary. No specific reasons for this phenomenon have been ascertained.
- (e) Bombay Natural History Society has been entrusted to carry out a detailed study on the migration pattern of birds in Chilka and suggest recommendations in this regard.